



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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1. DNR requests input on design rules for open feedlots

DNR REQUESTS INPUT ON DESIGN RULES FOR OPEN FEEDLOTS

DES MOINES – Livestock producers and other interested people will have an opportunity to comment on new rules for designing open feedlots during early October.

“The rules were passed on an emergency basis in August and are now in effect,” said Gene Tinker, coordinator of DNR animal feeding operations.

“However, these six public hearings will give producers and others a chance to have input on the rules,” he added.

The proposed rules provide design standards for open feedlots that must have construction permits, particularly those that have planned to use alternative technologies such as vegetative treatment areas. Generally, larger open feedlots that are required to apply for national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permits are required to have a construction permit prior to building, expanding or modifying an operation.

The following public hearings will be held on the proposed rule for open feedlot operations:

- Oct. 4, at 10 a.m., at the Red Oak Fire Station, 1904 N. Broadway St., in Red Oak
- Oct. 4, at 6:30 p.m., at the DMACC–Carroll Campus, Main Building, Rooms 142–146, 906 N. Grant Road, in Carroll
- Oct. 5, at 10 a.m., at the Clay County Regional Events Center, 800 West 18th St., in Spencer

- Oct. 5, at 6:30 p.m., at the Lime Creek Nature Center, 3501 Lime Creek Road, in Mason City
- Oct. 6, at 9 a.m., at the Wallace State Office Building, Fourth Floor West Conference Room, 502 East 9th St., in Des Moines
- Oct. 7, at 3 p.m., Kirkwood Community College, Iowa Hall, 3rd Floor, Room Iowa A/B, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd. SW, in Cedar Rapids.

A complete copy of the rule proposal can be found under animal feeding operations on the DNR Web site at www.iowadnr.com or at <http://www.iowadnr.com/afo/newrules.html>.

Comments may be submitted orally or in writing during the public hearings. All other comments must be received no later than Oct. 14. Comments can be sent to Gene Tinker at the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 East Ninth Street, Fax (515) 281-8895, or by email to gene.tinker@dnr.state.ia.us.

Anyone who plans to attend a public hearing and has special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility, should contact Tinker at (515) 281-3103.

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